COCHIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

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Monday, *the* $\frac{\textit{18th November 1946.}}{\textit{3rd Vrischigam 1122.}}$

The Council met in the Council Hall, Ernakulam, at half-past Eleven of the Clock with the Hon'ble President (Sir George Boag, K. C. I. E., C. S. I.) in the Chair.

Messrs. M. O. Thomakkutty, T. V. Kochuvareed, L. M. Pylee, V. R. Krishnan Ezhuthassan and Choudury G. S. Dhara Singh and Mrs. Dhakshayani Velayudhan were absent.

1. SWEARING IN OF A NEW MEMBER

Mr. K. Govinda Menon, Comptroller of Finance and Accounts was sworn in.

2. QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

DIRECT PAYMENT TO AIDED PRIMARY SCHOOL TEACHERS

1. Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan (*Vadakkancheri*): Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) whether the system of direct payment to teachers in aided primary schools has been put into practice;

(*b*) what are the arrangements made to see that the teachers get all the sixteen annas in the rupee;

(*c*) whether there have not been complaints from managements regarding direct payment?

Mr. P. Govinda Menon *(Minister for Food and Education):*

(*a*) No.

(*b*) The grant bill will be passed only after the acquittance signed by teachers reach the offices of the Inspectors concerned.

(*c*) Yes.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* May I know, Sir, why the Government order sanctioning direct payment to teachers has not been as yet put into practice?

Mr. P. Govinda Menon *(Minister for Food and Education):* On account of the representations received both from the managers and the teachers, Goverment are again considering the question.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* May I take it, Sir, that the teachers are not satisfied with the orders of the Government ordering direct payment to them?

Mr. P. Govinda Menon *(Minister for Food and Education):* The assumption underlying the question is not completely correct. Their objection is not with regard to direct payment as I understood it, but to direct payment only of a certain proportion of their salary.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* May I know whether the Government is seriously considering the question of paying the whole of the salary, *i.e.*, 16 annas in the rupee, direct to them?

Mr. P. Govinda Menon *(Minister for Food and Education):* Government are not now paying it to the aided school teachers. Those who pay them are the managers. Government are only paying the grant to the managers.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* In the light of the previous answer it is that I put it. That the percentage of the grant that is allowed to the managers is originally proposed to be paid direct. On that question, both the teachers and the management have complained. On the teachers' complaint the Hon'ble Minister was pleased to say that their

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